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402-466 E. Cross St. (North side)
Baltimore, Md.
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c.1845 - 1907

The north side of Cross St. east of Riverside Ave. is improved by a variety of building types. The earliest houses on the block, a group of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses built by several different builders in the 1840's and early 1850's, is located in the middle of the block at 430-450 E. Cross St. To the east of this group of houses, there is a small, one story, gable-roofed brick church, built in 1873 for the congregation of the Sailors' Union Bethel, a group of seamen who had formerly worshipped on the William Penn, an old clipper ship berthed at the Lee St. wharf. At the far eastern end of the block, near Covington St., there are several two and three story, simple brick structures built in the 1870's or earlier, which were formerly owned by the Rossmarck Brewery which operated a tavern on the site. At the western end of the block, near Riverside Ave., there are two distinct groups of late Victorian-style houses. The first group, 402-408 E. Cross St., is a group of two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built by James F. Morgan in the late 1880's as part of his development of the adjoining section of Riverside Ave. At 410-420 E. Cross St. there is a row of two story, two bay wide brown brick houses with shed roofs and simple sheet metal bracketed cornices, built by Walter Hampson in 1907. This latter group, along with similar rows built by Hampson directly north of this row on Grindall and Hamburg Streets, are the last houses to be built in the Federal Hill area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

444-446 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☐ ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Baltimore

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED

☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs formed part of the original group of gable roofed houses extending along this side of Cross St., east of the Fertilizing Co. that occupied the large lot to the west of 430 Cross St. This pair of houses and the adjoining pair, 448-450 Cross St. were built contemporaneously by the same builder. 444 Cross St. has had its attic story raised and now could be considered a three story house.

The houses were both originally two and a half stories in height, but now 444 Cross St. is three stories in height. Both are 11 1/2' wide, and occupy lots 85' deep. 444 has no additions; 446 has a one story, two bay deep modern addition. The houses are constructed in common bond. The low-pitched gable roof at one time had a continuous, two-tier brick cornice but now each house has its own roof line and cornice. 444 Cross St. has double rectangular chimneys located along the west side of both front and rear roof gables; 446 Cross St. has double hooded chimneys located along the east side of the roof gables.

The door and window openings of the first and second floors have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. The attic story windows of 446 Cross St. have no lintels; the third floor windows of 444 Cross St. have modern, vertical stretcher lintels. All of the sills are wood. The first and second floor window openings are filled with new 6/6 double hung sash, as is the third floor window at 444 Cross St. The attic windows at 446 Cross St. are filled with paired, 1/1 casement windows. At 444 Cross St. there is a late Victorian four panel door set beneath a single light transom; at 446 Cross St. there is a modern four panel door, with two upper lights, set beneath a new two-light transom. The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached by six wood steps at 444 Cross and six brick steps at 446 Cross St. Each house has a door leading to the basement, and set below the street level, located beneath the first floor window.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1840-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Alexander Stephens

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 430-434 E. Cross St.

These houses were built by Alexander Stephens, an absentee landlord, on land inherited from his father, James Stephens, who had acquired it in 1801.¹ The houses remained as rental property until recent times. Like many houses on this block of Cross St. they have recently been renovated.

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber WG 67, Folio178; Liber GR 474, Folio534

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 11 1/2' x 85'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE
4/79

STREET & NUMBER
1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Ruxton

STATE
Maryland 21204

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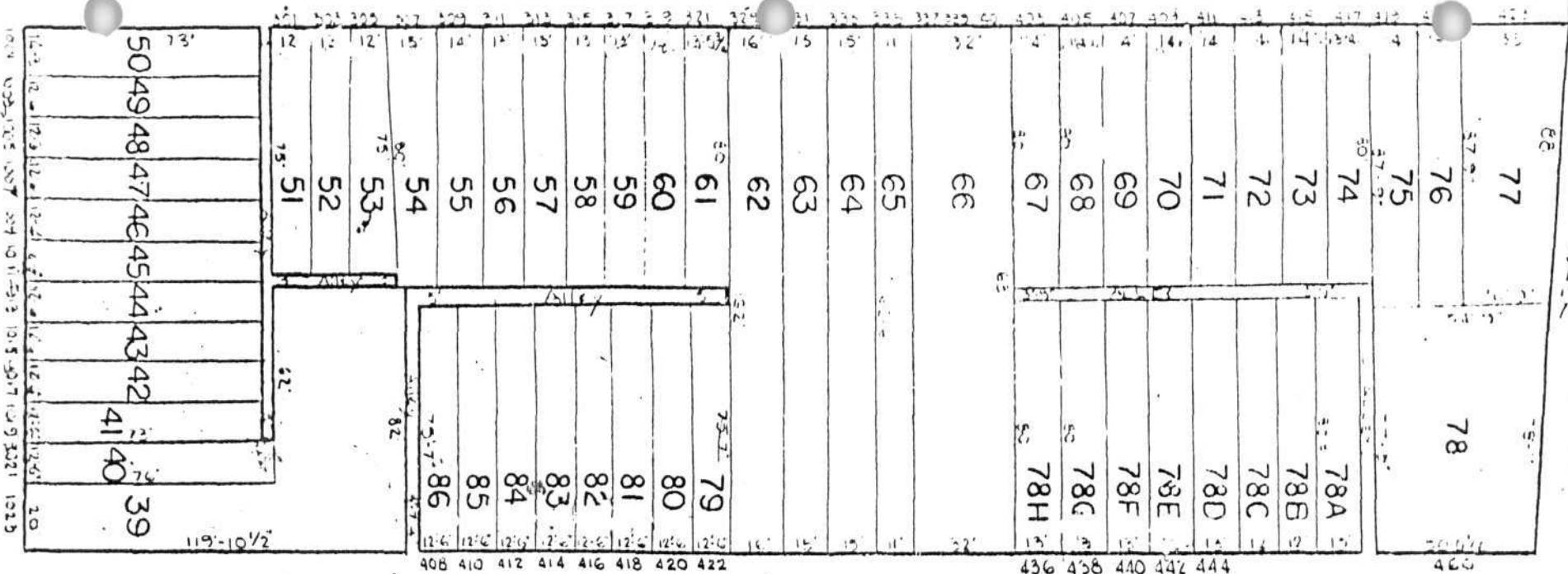
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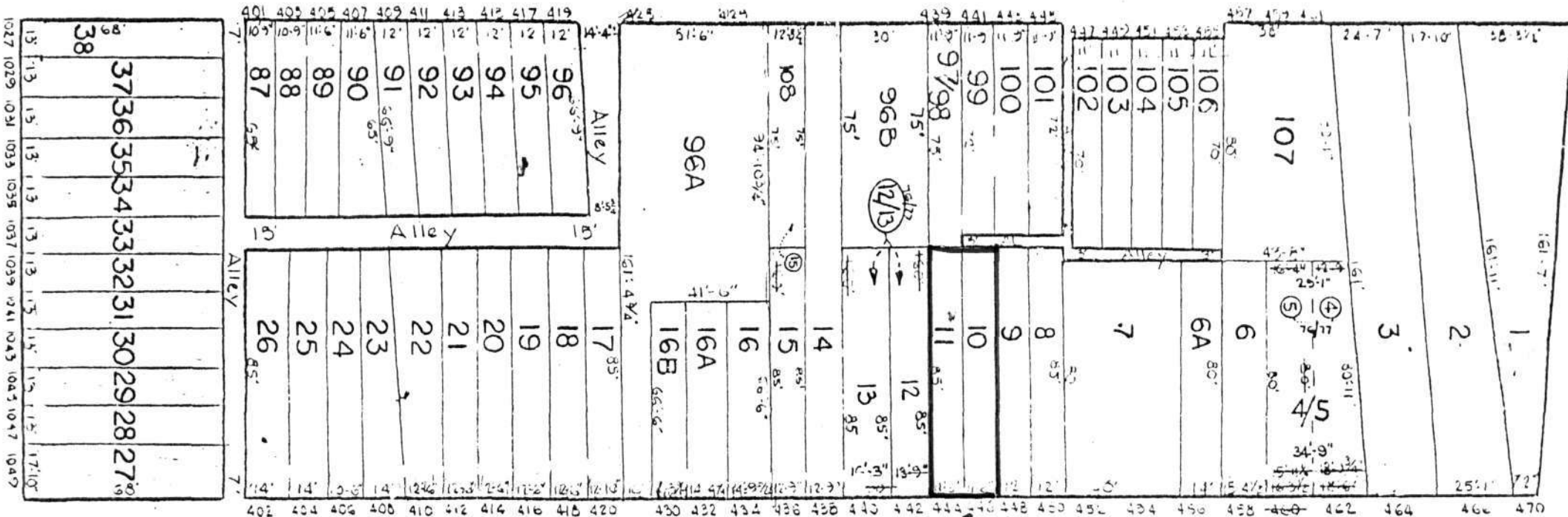
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ALLEY



GRINDALL



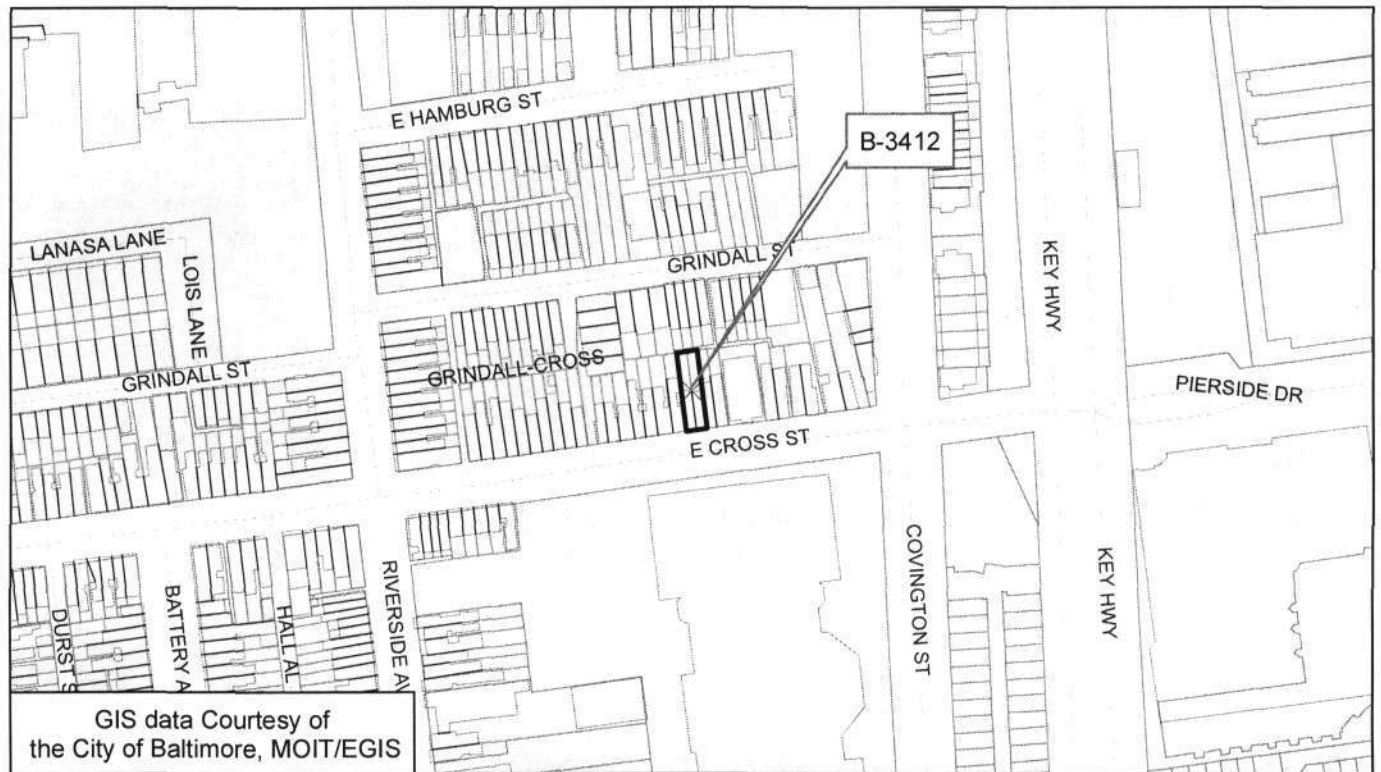
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E. CROSS

RIVERSIDE

AVE.

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Block 1915 Lots 011-010
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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444-446 E. Cross St.

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South elevation